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AIRFIELD
DIEN BIEN PHU, NORTH VIETNAM
2123N 10301E

1. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF CHURCHDOOR

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REVEALED DIEN BIEN PHU AIRFIELD LOCATED

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0.5 NM NORTH OF DIEN BIEN PHU, JUST WEST OF THE NAM YOUN (RIVER). AIRFIELD HAD ONE SERVICEABLE 4,000 X 90 FT., NNW/SSE, ASPHALT AND LATERITE RUNWAY. FACILITIES INCLUDED A WEATHER STATION, THREE BARRACKS, ONE ADMINISTRATION, TWO STORAGE, AND THREE SUPPORT BUILDINGS. AIRCRAFT OBSERVED WERE TWO PROBABLE CRATE.

2. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF

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REVEALS SEVEN BOMB CRATERS ON THE RUNWAY,

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RENDERING IT UNSERVICEABLE. TWO OF THE THREE BARRACKS IN THE SUPPORT AREA HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. OTHER FACILITIES AT THE AIRFIELD APPEAR UNDAMAGED. PILES OF PROBABLE AGGREGATE ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE SOUTH-SOUTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY. TWO UNOCCUPIED FOUR-GUN LIGHT AAA SITES ARE LOCATED JUST NORTHEAST OF THE RUNWAY, AND ONE UNOCCUPIED FOUR-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE IS LOCATED JUST WEST OF THE RUNWAY. NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA. NO AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED.

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A HEADQUARTERS AREA (DIEN BIEN PHU HEADQUARTERS 316TH INFANTRY
BRIGADE, [REDACTED] 0.5 NM EAST OF THE RUNWAY CONTAINS
ONE SEVERELY DAMAGED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND TWO BARRACKS,
TWO MESSHALLS, AND TWO SUPPORT BUILDINGS WHICH ARE INTACT.
A STORAGE AREA JUST EAST OF THE RUNWAY CONTAINS TWELVE UNDAMAGED
STORAGE BUILDINGS.

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